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Academic Affairs Division Newsletter



Powering Academic Success

Upcoming Events



Center for Faculty Development Workshops

- **Wednesday, November 5, 3:00-4:00pm**, IRC 101 - Tea and Talk. Featured speaker is Dr. Jennifer Dinalo, Senior Assistant Librarian at our own MLK Library.
- **Wednesday, November 12, 12:00-1:00pm**, IRC 101 - Understanding Our Students brown-bag series. This session's topic: Veterans and their families.

Appointment



Namrata Shukla Named Associate Dean of the CIES

Namrata or "Nami" Shukla has been named Associate Dean for the College of International and Extended Studies (CIES). She started her new position October 27 after being Interim Associate Dean since January of this year.

- **Thursday, November 13, 12:00-1:00pm**, IRC 101 - Educated Person Dialogue brown-bag series. This session's topic: Recognizing the value of constructive criticism.
- **Wednesday, November 19, 3:00-4:00pm**, IRC 101 - Providing Feedback on Student Writing, facilitated by Sara Cook.
- **Friday, November 21, 12:00-1:15pm**, Engineering 285 - Financial Literacy for Faculty. With the generous support of an American Council on Education/Sloan Foundation award, we have developed a series of [Financial Literacy modules](#) to help acquaint you with some of the key concepts and resources in this area. We invite you to join us for lunch, for a conversation with our module authors (Dr. Marco Pagani and Dr. Stoyu Ivanov, of our College of Business). Please [RSVP](#) by November 14th.

As the Associate Dean, Nami provides leadership in the development and delivery of extended education programs and services. She manages a robust portfolio of programs that meets the educational needs of the University and local community, as well as work force needs of the State. She will work closely with faculty and staff to grow SJSU's special session programs and oversee the operations of Intercession and Open University programs.

Prior to being Interim Associate Dean, Nami served as the College's Director of Operations and Finance, a position she continues to fill in addition to her new duties. She has been with SJSU for over six years.

[Click here for the full story.](#)

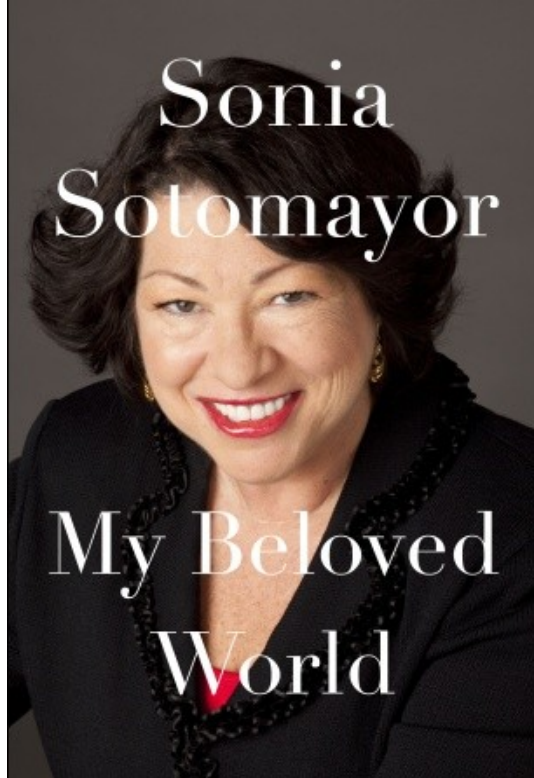
Opportunities



Open Administrative Positions

We are seeking nominees for an outstanding and innovative academic leader for the following positions:

- [Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts](#)
- [Dean of the College of Social](#)



Campus Reading Program

On Monday, October 20, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor, visited SJSU. [Click here](#) for the Spartan Daily article. There are still opportunities to discuss the book!

All discussions are scheduled in **Clark Hall 100H:**

- **Thursday, November 6,**
12:00-1:00pm
- **Wednesday, November 19,**
1:00-2:00pm
- **Tuesday, December 2,** 2:00-3:00pm

Sciences

- Associate Vice President for Graduate & Undergraduate Programs
- Deputy Provost (Posting Soon)
- SJSURF Executive Director (Posting Soon)



SJSU ScholarWorks Invitation

The University Library developed [SJSU ScholarWorks](#), San José State's institutional repository, to serve our research community. Like research universities around the world, SJSU is committed to increasing access to their faculty and students' scholarly work. Individual scholars are similarly interested in promoting their work as widely as possible while preserving copyright and intellectual property ownership. In response, universities created institutional repositories, or IRs, to offer open access to research including published peer-reviewed articles, preprints, creative works, presentations, data and more.

More than 350 faculty members are already in SJSU ScholarWorks. If your work is not yet in the institutional repository, please email your CV and a photograph to scholarworks@sjsu.edu to join the



Choices Matter: A Community Conversation with John Amaechi

Facing History and Ourselves, in partnership with San José State University, welcome John Amaechi OBE, human rights advocate, psychologist, *New York Times* best-selling author, and former NBA player for a conversation about how each of us faces daily choices that shape the future for our community and ourselves.

As part of Facing History's national series of Community Conversations sponsored by The Allstate Foundation, this event is FREE and open to the public. Seating is limited; RSVP required. To register or for more information, click [here](#) or call (510) 786-2500 ext. 226. **Thursday, November 6, 2014, from 7:00-9:00pm in Morris Dailey Auditorium.**

ranks of SJSU faculty whose work is accessible worldwide.

An author profile will be created for you, which serves as an interactive CV, in [SelectedWorks](#). ScholarWorks will check the copyright status of each of your scholarly publications and identify those which can be added to the repository.

For more information about SJSU ScholarWorks, see the [research guide](#).



Call for Proposals: SJSU Diversity Initiative Speaker Series – Fall 2014

In support of SJSU's commitment to meeting the needs of our diverse faculty, staff, and students, the Office of Faculty Affairs and the Center for Faculty Development seek proposals to bring to campus educators and scholars who can share their knowledge, spark discussion, and inspire the SJSU community as we strive to nurture an inclusive, respectful, and caring learning community. For additional information and an application form, [click here](#) (PDF). **Applications are due by 5pm, on Friday, November 21st,**



SJSU to Re-dedicate Renovated Yoshihiro Uchida Hall

President Mo Qayoumi will host the re-dedication of Yoshihiro Uchida Hall on **November 7**, from **3:00-5:30pm** in honor of the 94-year-old judo coach Yosh Uchida. The building has recently undergone a yearlong renovation. The building is shared by the College of Applied Arts and Sciences and the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. For more information on the event or Yoshihiro Uchida's honors and awards, contact 924-1120.



SJSU Celebration of Research

Monday, November 17, 2014, 4:00-6:00pm in the **Student Union Ballroom**. Free & open to the SJSU Campus. Refreshments will be served.

Presenting Early Career Investigator

2014. Contact [Dr. Amy Strage](#) for any additional information.



SJSU ERFA Inaugurates a New Research and Creative Activity Award

It is with great pleasure that the Board of the SJSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association (SJSU ERFA) announces the inaugural year of the SJSU ERFA Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award, AY 2014-2015.

The award was created by SJSU ERFA to support scholarly research and creative activity that advance the careers of faculty applicants. It is intended to support research, creative activity, travel to present at conferences, and/or acquisition of equipment related to scholarly and creative endeavors.

Faculty eligible to apply include lecturers with more than 6 years of continuous service to SJSU, tenure-track faculty and tenured faculty.

Administrative support will be provided by the Center for Faculty Development for the application process; the Tower Foundation will administer the award. The deadline

Awardees:

- Scott Hamilton - Moss Landing Marine Labs, College of Science
- Matthew Holian - Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences

Honoring Undergraduate Research Program:

Student-Faculty Research Pair Awardees

Featuring the Research Foundation Annual Report Honorees:

- Thalia Anagnos
- Jonathan Lovell
- Essam Marouf
- Gilles Muller
- Matthew Spangler



University Scholar Series

Jo Farb Hernández speak about her book, *Singular Spaces: From the Eccentric to the Extraordinary in Spanish Art Environments*.

Wednesday, November 19, from **12:00 - 1:00pm** in **MLK 255/257**.

for submission of all required materials is **5:00 pm, Friday, December 5, 2014**.

Application materials can also found be on the [CFD website](#), under the RSCA tab.



Collaborative Research Grants

With sponsoring from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Collaborative Research Grants are now available. Seeking proposals to support interpretive humanities research undertaken by a team of two or more scholars, for full-time or part-time activities for periods of one to three years. Support is available for various combinations of scholars, consultants, and research assistants; project-related travel; fieldwork; applications of information technology; and technical support and services. View the [flyer](#) (PDF) or [visit the website](#) for more information. If you are interested in applying to this program, please contact your Sponsored Programs Manager, Sydney Chui, at (408) 924-1427.

For additional opportunities check the [Foundation website](#).



AAD Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Join us at the Division-wide breakfast event as we celebrate and recognize staff! There will be prizes, activities, and entertainment. Visit the [event website](#) for more information about the event and the food drive.

Thursday, November 20, from **8:00 - 10:30am** in the **Student Union Ballroom**.



Women in Justice Studies

Professor Tanya Bakhru, Women's Studies, will chair a panel discussion on the related topic of "Women in Justice Systems." Participants will include Prof. Kate Davis, Global Studies; Prof. Edith Kinney, Justice Studies; Layma Ahmadzai, Student Affairs. **Thursday, November 20**, at **4:30pm** in **MLK 225/229**.

Important Announcements



Accessible Education Center

The Accessible Education Center (AEC) is here to help our students. Please take a few minutes to review the [Fall 2014 Accommodations Bulletin](#) (PDF), as it informs you of AEC's services. Do not hesitate to call AEC at 924-6000 if you have any questions pertaining to our department.



Help Students Avoid Roadblocks to Spring Registration

During the summer and at the start of this semester, all incoming new students were notified through their MySJSU accounts that they are required to complete the online course(s) listed below:

Undergraduate

Haven: Understanding Sexual Assault (45 min)

AlcoholEdu (90 min)



What should our future as a university be?

Please join us for a series of TED-like talks about the long-term future of our university. Our finest teacher-scholars will deliver a 30-minute lecture, "The Future of SJSU," to be followed by a 30-minute open discussion. The goal of these conversations is to provide a forum for thoughtful, positive discussions of our future as an institution so that we can focus our goals and begin to develop a strategy for achieving them. The lectures will be recorded, for those who are unable to attend.

- Thursday, October 30, at noon in MLK 255 - Professor Michael Kaufman, Department of Physics
- **Tuesday, November 25, at noon in MLK 255** - Professor Guna Selvaduray, Department of Biomedical, Chemical, and Materials Engineering
- **Friday, December 5, at noon in MLK 225** - Professor Ronald Rogers, Department of Psychology

Graduate

Haven: Understanding Sexual Assault (45 min)

Students who fail to complete these classes will have a hold placed on their Spring 2015 registration. These courses support SJSU's commitment to creating a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment for our whole community while also addressing CSU Executive Orders 1095 and 1097 in compliance with new educational mandates under Title IX, VAWA/Campus SaVE Act, and the Clery Act.

Incoming students have received numerous reminders to complete the course(s) through EverFi, the course platform. A significant number of students have not completed the courses and therefore, will NOT be able to register for classes when Spring 2015 registration opens on November 3, 2014.

Encourage students to complete the courses listed above so they are able to register for spring classes on their assigned date.

Copies of the original letters students received, including detailed directions, can be found at the [Wellness & Health Promotion Website](#).

Awards and Honors



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Social Work Professor Awarded NIDA Grant

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) recently awarded funding to College of Applied Sciences and Arts School of Social Work Professor Laurie Drabble and Alcohol Research Group Scientist Karen Trocki for their study on rates of alcohol consumption, hazardous drinking patterns, and tobacco and illicit drug use among sexual minority women (SMW). The researchers will apply and test innovative methods and techniques for sampling rare populations in addition to comparing outcomes between populations.



Helen Stevens Outstanding Educators Awards

The Helen Stevens Outstanding



New Website Shares SWEEP Collaboration

The College of Applied Sciences and Arts Social Work Education Enhancement Program (SWEEP) launched a new website to keep visitors informed about past and upcoming activities of the collaborative. SWEEP is an international consortium, which includes USAID, SJSU, eight universities in Vietnam, government ministries, Cisco Systems, Inc., community agencies, and stakeholders. The purpose of SWEEP is to assist the eight universities in Vietnam with improving their undergraduate social work educational programs. [Click here to visit the SWEEP website.](#)



Elementary

Educators Awards were presented at a reception and program on October 21st in the MLK Library. This years award winners are:

- Tamara McKinnon, Nursing
- Linda Levine. Health Science and Recreation
- Yasue Yanai, World Languages and Literature



Fulbright Specialist Roster

Professor Arvinder Loomba, Global Innovation and Leadership, has been selected by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to the Fulbright Specialist Roster for the five-year term of 2014-2019 in areas of business administration and medical product development. This is a rigorously competitive process of vetting candidates' publishing and teaching records and impact on international education.

Students Tour SJSU

As part of a College Day campus tour, students from Olinder Elementary School spent the day at SJSU. Provost Feinstein spoke to the students about what everyday life is like in college. Read the [Spartan Daily article here](#) and [click here](#) to see more photos from the event.

SJSU Successes



25th Anniversary of the Center for the Development of Recycling

Few people know of the successes accomplished by our Center for Development of Recycling program. The CDR was founded in 1989 and operates a local Recycling Hotline and website RecycleStuff.org with a part-time Director, two compensated part-time students who serve as Administrative Managers, a Project Manager, and several volunteer students who earn academic credit. The CDR Director is Environmental Studies Professor Bruce Olszewski, who has been responsible for overall management since 1989. Students gain practical work experience in the rapidly developing field of integrated waste management (IWM). So far, over 80 CDR Students have gone on to careers in IWM. The Center for Development of Recycling has been recognized with several service-



Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Recognized as a Chapter of Merit

San José State University's chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was named a "Chapter of Merit" at the Society's Biennial Convention in St. Louis, MO. Phi Kappa Phi is the oldest and largest collegiate honor society that inducts persons from every academic discipline. The SJSU chapter, founded in 1953, has over 3000 members including students, alumni, administrators, faculty and staff. Last April, SJSU's chapter initiated over 260 of the university's highest performing juniors, seniors and graduate students.

To be chosen for membership, a student must be a second semester junior with a GPA of at least 3.65, a senior with a GPA of at least 3.5 or a graduate student with a GPA of 4.0. Candidates for membership for 2015 will be selected from qualified students after grades are reported for the fall semester. For more information contact info.phikappaphi.sjsu@gmail.com.

learning awards, including the prestigious 2014 Waste Prevention Program of the Year from the California Resource Recovery Association. [Click here](#) for more information.



Green Ninja wins Innovation Award

On October 1, 2014, San José State's Green Ninja project received a 2014 Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Innovation Award from the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. The award was presented during the foundation's annual event, Pioneers & Purpose, on Oct. 1st at the Fairmont San José.

"These organizations represent the best in the country working to provide STEM experiences that strengthen and inspire students to explore their curiosity in STEM fields," Silicon Valley Education Foundation CEO Muhammed Chaudhry said.

The project is a multi-platform climate science education initiative that is driven by a strong collaboration of faculty members and students across various departments including Meteorology and Climate Science; Geology; Computer Science; Science Education; Primary Education;



Kevin Jordan to Receive Prestigious Award from NASA

Professor Kevin Jordan, Psychology, has been selected to receive the NASA Exceptional Public Service Medal at the NASA Honor Awards Ceremony on November 19. According to the NASA Ames Center Director, Dr. S.Pete Norman, "This is one of the most prestigious awards an individual can receive, and is present to selected individuals who have distinguished themselves by making outstanding contributions to the NASA mission."

This is the highest award given by NASA to a person who is not a federal employee. Kevin stated, "It is truly humbling, and while it focuses on me as an individual, it shines very brightly on SJSU."



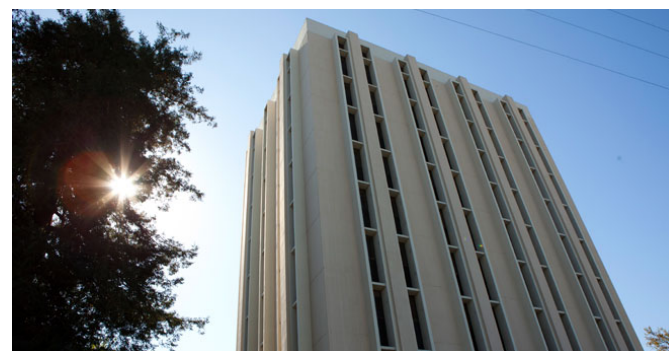
Statway Program Awarded \$15,000 Carnegie Grant

Television, Radio, Film and Theatre; and Animation and Illustration.

The project has worked with more than 100 teachers and reached 2,000 students. Episodes of "The Green Ninja Show" have had more than a million views on [YouTube](#) and [TeacherTube](#).

The national award recognizes pioneering programs that have demonstrated innovation in STEM education. It also included a cash prize of \$5,000, which will support students working on the show's second season. The project uses a collection of funny films and hands-on experiences to help young individuals develop motivation and the tools to do something about our changing global climate.

"By blending science, engineering, and the arts, the Green Ninja Project aims to become a nationally recognized icon for education and action on climate change," said Professor of Meteorology and Climate Science, Eugene Cordero. [Click here](#) to read more.



The Lucas College and Graduate School of Business Earn High Marks

Five colleges, including SJSU, have been awarded grants to develop bridges from the Pathways to other fields of study. The collective goal is to develop bridge courseware that can be used by all of our colleges to create new destinations for Pathways students. These bridges to new courses are designed to make the Pathways an appropriate choice for many more students. [Click here](#) for more information



FMA Named a Superior Chapter

The Financial Management Association (FMA) student organization has again won the Superior Chapter Award. This highly coveted designation is awarded to less than 1% of FMA chapters. Kudos to Carroll Buck and Bill DeVincenzi for their excellent leadership as faculty advisors!



Three Finalists from SJSU in CSUMedia Arts Festival 2014

In the feature film category of the CSU

In rankings for undergraduate and Part-Time MBA in the Bay Area, The Lucas College ranks number one for colleges offering only bachelor's and master's degrees.



NEH funded Summer Institute Focuses on the Immigrant Experience

The Communication Studies and Theatre Arts Departments at San José State University received a federal grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$161,797 to host a two-week-long summer institute on the topic of theatre and immigration, titled “The Immigrant Experience in California through Literature and Theatre.” Twenty-five participants, selected nationally through a competitive application pool of 160 applicants, spent two weeks in San José (July 13-27, 2014). Participants met with some of the most highly renowned artists and scholars working at the intersection of theatre, literature, and immigration.

Institute scholars included:

- Maxine Hong Kingston (author of *Woman Warrior*)
- Luis Valdez (author of *Zoot Suit*)

Media Arts Festival, there are only three finalists this year--and they're all from SJSU! The only suspense is *WHICH* SJSU student will win. See below for the full list. Note that one of the students is from the MFA Creative Writing Program. The awards will be presented at The CSU Media Arts Festival, hosted by CSU Los Angeles on Saturday, November 8.

FEATURE SCREENPLAY

- *EM*, Cassia Homann (pictured above, left)
- *Porcelain*, Chau Nguyen
- *White Rabbit*, Michael Quintana (pictured above, right)



Scholarship Award Winners CASA Alumni Association Dean's Scholarships

- David Elliott, Social Work, Major
- Michelle Mussett, Social Work, Graduate Student

Santa Cruz Area Chapter of the Alumni Association Scholarships

- Anna Sramek, Nutritional Science
- Kelly McGuckin, Nursing
- Nancy Zuniga, Social Work

For more on these honorees visit the [Alumni Association website](#).

- Ping Chong (Obie award winning performance artist, based in New York, NY)
- Donna Gabaccia (Professor of History, University of Minnesota)
- Judy Yung (Professor of History, University of California, Santa Cruz)
- Kelly Lytle Hernandez (Associate Professor of History, University of California, Los Angeles)
- Sharon Ott (Professor of Theatre Savannah College of Art and Design)
- Kinan Valdez (Associate Artistic Director, El Teatro Campesino)
- Sara Zatz (Associate Director, Ping Chong & Company)
- Glen Gendzel (Associate Professor of History, San José State University)
- Persis Karim (Associate Professor of English, San José State University)
- Aditi Brennan Kapil (writer, actress, director based in Minneapolis, MN)
- Matthew Spangler (Associate Professor Performance Studies, San José State University)
- David Kahn (Professor of Theatre Arts, San José State University)

Matthew Spangler, associate professor of performance and communication studies, and David Kahn, professor of theatre arts, co-



Phyllis and Alan Simpkins Leadership Award

Gina Guglielmoni was awarded the Phyllis and Alan Simpkins Leadership Award to pursue a graduate degree in kinesiology so she can start a career helping athletes rehabilitate sports-related injuries. She noted that she comes from a family of Spartans.

[Phyllis and Alan Simpkins](#) provided extraordinary leadership and vision for SJSU and an unparalleled level of support across campus. To honor their memory, the Alumni Association created this award to recognize a student who demonstrates strong academics, leadership, and volunteerism efforts.



Scholarship Winner from MST

Alexander Ciak, MS in Taxation received a prestigious scholarship from Tax Executives International, Santa Clara Valley Chapter. Alex was also a Salzburg Scholar and a member of the Sbona

hosted the institute, along with Glen Gendzel, professor of history, Sara Zatz, associate director of Ping Chong & Company, and Maria Judnick, program coordinator. Dr. Spangler served as the point person and the grant's Principle Investigator.



From Pakistan to SJSU

You may have seen some of our international visitors over the past month on campus. San José State University is partnered with Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) in Pakistan through the Pakistan Distance Education Enhancement Project (PDEEP). On September 20th, four selected faculty exchange guests arrived to begin their adventures at SJSU. Allama Iqbal Open University is based in Islamabad, Pakistan, and has over 1 million enrolled students annually. SJSU and AIOU participate frequently in faculty exchange programs as well as utilizing software conferencing and educational management systems.

[Click here](#) for more information on our various international programs. For more details on the PDEEP program, [click here](#).

Honors Program. This Chapter also stated that it “believes the MST Program at SJSU is one of the finest programs in the country.” Kudos to Annette Nellen!



Grants

Report from the Foundation Office Of Sponsored Programs

Summary for the September 2014 reports for contract and grant awards and proposals submitted by the SJSU Research Foundation:

- Awards - 29 new awards were received for a total of \$3,195,331.
- Proposals - 24 proposals requesting a total of \$3,421,135 were submitted to sponsoring agencies.

Please note that these reports can also be found on the [Research Foundation's website](#) under "Quick Links."

If you have a story you'd like to see in the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter, please [click here!](#)

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